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ELECTRONIC PROGRAMS GUIDE  
INFORMATION

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 1, lines 5-6, delete "continuation in part of copending, commonly assigned Young et al., Pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/198,538, filed February 18, 1994," and insert

continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/096,269, filed June 11, 1998, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent No. 5,790,198, issued August 4, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent No. 5,479,268, issued December 26, 1995, ----.

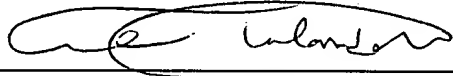
Page 1, line 9, before the period insert   , all of which are

92 incorporated fully herein by reference.   

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